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<u>In Re Application of</u>	:	December 15, 2005
<u>H. Maruyama, et al</u>	:	Group Art No.: 2136
<u>Serial No. 10/017,926</u>	:	Examiner: Eleni Shiferaw
<u>Filed: October 29, 2001</u>	:	IBM Corporation Anne Vachon Dougherty 3173 Cedar Road Yorktown Hts, N.Y. 10598
<u>Title: DIGITAL SIGNATURE VERIFICATION AND PROGRAM TRANSMISSION</u>		

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 15, 2005 for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 14.

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